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DETAILS:

For purposes of brevity, the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will hereinafter be referred to as the LASC.

I. HEADQUARTERS OF THE LASC

b-2 [REDACTED] (8/6/58)

As of August 6, 1958, the headquarters of the LASC was located at Suite 3, 452 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

b-2 [REDACTED] (1/6/58)

As of January 6, 1958, the Long Beach Chapter of the LASC maintained an address of Post Office Box 5053, North Long Beach Branch Post Office, 3800 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California.

II. ORIGIN

b-2 [REDACTED] (12/17/57)

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67, as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles \*\*\* The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee \*\*\*.'"

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Informant advised that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist Party through the assignment of Communist Party members to direct the activities of the committees.

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[REDACTED] 7/27/53)

As of July 27, 1953, SOPHIE DAVIDSON was a Communist Party (CP) member.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953; and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta.

III. SCOPE

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IV. OFFICERS

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Other officers and members of the staff of LASC the informant named as follows:


EVELYN BURKETT - Recording Secretary  
ANN KELLER  
JANET GOLDSTEIN  
ALICE HAGGERTY  
NAT CORNER

Officers of the Los Angeles Area Chapter, also known as the Metro Chapter, informant named as follows:

JANET GOLDSTEIN - Co-Chairman  
NAT CORNER - Co-Chairman  
EVELYN BURKETT - Financial Secretary  
EDYTHE MARGOLIS - Recording Secretary  
CAROL BEAN - Alternate Recording Secretary

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IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) from June, 1943, to 1945, while attending New York University, New York City.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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EVELYN BURKETT, as of November 29, 1950, was Executive Secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (HASP).



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RE ANNE KELLER, nee Berenholz,  
was. Ann Eerenholtz, Mrs. Frederick  
Paul Keller, Jr., Chine Berenholz,  
Ann Berenholtz, Ann Putterman,  
Ann Berenholz, Ann Keller

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[REDACTED] b7D  
Informant indicated that ANN BERENHOLTZ was a member  
of the CP as of approximately late 1953 and had been a CP  
member for approximately 18 years to that time.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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JANET GOLDSTEIN was dropped from the CP because of  
"political reasons" in January of 1947. At that time she had  
been a member of the CP for six years and had been registered  
with the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP) in the  
Sunset Club.  
[REDACTED]

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On December 18, 1954, NAT CORNER attended a carnival  
sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) at 607 South  
Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General  
of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.  
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VII. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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Informant furnished a press release on the letterhead of the L/SC captioned "For Immediate Release", which sets out the aims and objectives of the local and National Sobell Committees and is quoted as follows:

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[REDACTED] This meeting represented a  
turning point in the Rosenberg-Sobell case. The delegates to  
the conference reported rapid gains in their respective areas.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] Everywhere there  
was evidenced a determination and readiness to embark upon a  
campaign the like of which has not yet been seen on the Rosenberg-  
Sobell case. (The national program included - 1) a national  
campaign that shall be undertaken to secure action on behalf of  
MORTON SOBELL by One Million Americans, 2) a great petition campaign  
to be undertaken for the freeing of MORTON SOBELL by executive  
action, 3) the National Sobell Committee and committees  
throughout the country will urge prominent individuals, organi-  
zations and newspapers to conduct public inquiries into the facts  
in the case, 4) an intensified program of legal research and

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investigation will be undertaken. Efforts to prevail upon the courts to grant a new trial will be pressed as quickly as is feasible, 5) efforts will be made to win SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz.


"The circulation of petitions for executive action on a huge scale throughout the country will be a focal point in the effort to secure action by One Million Americans for SOBELL.

[REDACTED] Between now and then nationally an impressive number of signatures will b7D be compiled to be brought to Washington in the launching effort to free SOBELL through executive action.

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"In the process of this kind of campaign the National Sobell Committees expect to raise the case of MORTON SOBELL to the level of understanding that must be arrived at for SOBELL's freedom.

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Informant furnished a "work sheet" issued by the LASC for the period January 10, 1958 to April 12, 1958, which includes the following program:



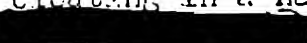
(1) Solicitation of individuals and organizations to obtain (100) signatures and (\$1.00) each by April 12, 1958;

(2) Immediate distribution of petitions for executive action addressed to "Mr. President, White House, Washington, D.C." These types of petitions are available: circulating, individual, and "V.I.P.")

(3) Widespread showing of HELEN SOBELL's TV interview;

(4) Formation of new Sobell Committee groups in Los Angeles area. b7D

A quota of (15,000) signatures and (\$15,000) for the Los Angeles area was set for (April 12, 1958) at which time it was hoped that the national signature goal on petitions to the White House would reach 100,000. b7D

  
  
the LASC is participating in a nation-wide effort to obtain 100,000 signatures in an appeal to President EISENHOWER to commute  b7D

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the sentence of MORTON SOBELL or to have the President order the Attorney General to have a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

NEWMAN stated that the Department of Justice has done SOBELL wrong by letting "Look" magazine agitate against SOBELL. NEWMAN indicated she would like the "Los Angeles Examiner" to attack the "Look" magazine article.

[REDACTED]

Informant furnished a printed letter on the letterhead of the LASC which was addressed to "Dear Friend", and signed "Sincerely, WIDGE NEWMAN, for the Committee". This letter advised that the case of MORTON SOBELL was to go before the American people asking for their support in an appeal to the President. The National Sobell Committees, according to this communication, have set a goal of 100,000 signatures on a petition to be sent to the White House. The Western States had reportedly accepted a pledge of 30,000 toward this National Goal and of this figure Los Angeles hoped to secure 15,000 signatures. Individuals receiving a copy of this letter were requested to fix their names on an enclosed petition on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED]

Informant furnished a printed petition on behalf of MORTON SOBELL which petition was being circulated by the LASC. This petition is addressed to the President, Washington, D.C., and sought MORTON SOBELL's release from prison through executive pardon or commutation, or by instructing the Attorney General to recommend a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED]

#### VIII. ACTIVITIES

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, was intro-

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acted as a speaker. ROSE SOBELL spoke of having seen her son  
MORTON (once in the past year.) She said his spirits are low.

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She told of how her son's wife, HILLEN, and herself have been  
before many groups such as these and are gaining full support  
of people who believe that MORTON is innocent and that his  
trial was unfair.

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A donation was taken up for the support of the LASC to  
continue its fight for MORTON SOBELL.

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On December 31, 1957, the LASC held a New Year's Eve fund raising party and buffet supper at 1283 South Redondo Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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On December 31, 1957, the Long Beach Chapter of the LASC held a New Year's Eve fund raising party at 1341 West Wendlow Road, Long Beach, California. Informant advised that after expenses of this party, the Long Beach Chapter was able to turn over \$130.00 to the LASC. b1

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A meeting of the LASC was held on January 10, 1958 at 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, at which meeting WIDGE NEWMAN gave a detailed report from the National Sobell Committee. b1

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] concerned  
itself with LASC activities such as mailings, fund raising affairs,  
dinners, and solicitation of signatures on petitions.

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MORTON SOBELL was transferred from Alcatraz to the  
Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia, on February 26, 1958.  
Informant advised that the LASC had no immediate plans as to  
how this development will be exploited.

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Mrs. MORTON

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stated that these advancements have brought about an awakening of America's intelligent thinkers. She said the next move must be to free MORTON and prove the dread injustice which had been done.

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On April 12, 1958, the LASC held a "Freedom Dinner" at 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles. Approximately 315 persons were in attendance, with admission being \$10.00 per perscr. At this dinner a number of guests were introduced. Petitions were circulated among those in attendance. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, spoke about the Sobell case and made the pitch for money. Tribute was paid to WIDGE NEWMAN for her work as organizer of the LASC. b1

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[REDACTED] b1

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IX. LEGAL ASPECTS

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X. SUEVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP

[REDACTED]

considerable discussion was held concerning the Sobell case

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this activity on behalf of MORTON SOBELL, was planned as part of the mass activity [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

On January 15, 1958, the LASC held a meeting at 2745 Nipoma Avenue, Lakewood Plaza, California, for the purpose of discussing means of securing 500 signatures on Sobell petitions to President Eisenhower. At this meeting WIDGE NEWMAN announced that there would be a luncheon at LASC headquarters, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, to which luncheon there had been invited the heads of important organizations, including the CP and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), for the purpose of bringing various groups closer together to work on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. b1

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petitions  
in the Sobell case to be filled with signatures to be presented  
to President EISENHOWER on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

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### 5. CONNECTIONS WITH THE SWP

It was decided to contact the SWP members

those members who had been circulating petitions in behalf of MORTON SODELL were asked to turn in their petitions.

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C. CONNECTIONS WITH THE UNITARIAN  
FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (UFSJ)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] considerable discussion was devoted to the Sobell case.  
[REDACTED] It was  
also announced that copies of a petition to have President  
EISENHOWER intercede on behalf of MORTON SOBELL can be secured  
and circulated in the hope that public opinion will bring about  
a new trial. b7D

D. CONNECTIONS WITH THE  
JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (JIS)  
(LOS ANGELES JEWISH CULTURAL AND  
FRATERNAL CLUBS; FRATERNAL MEDICAL PLAN  
OF THE CALIFORNIA FRATERNAL SERVICE  
ASSOCIATION)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] At this  
meeting a discussion was held concerning the efforts being made  
by the LASC to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz and b7D

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to obtain a new trial for SOBELL. ~~These persons in attendance~~  
~~at this meeting were encouraged to obtain petitions from the~~  
~~LASC and get signatures and contributions for the SOBELL cause.~~

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS,  
SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS, aka  
Hollywood Arts, Sciences and  
Professions Council

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations" (revised January 2, 1957) page 132, stated this organization is cited as "one of the major Communist dominated propaganda media on the Pacific Coast" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1955, pages 392 and 393).

An informant advised on January 4, 1956, that the Los Angeles Chapter was dissolved on January 3, 1956.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a "Communist front" by the United States Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

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### UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (LOS ANGELES CHAPTER)

An informant advised on May 14, 1956, that the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice of the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California, is controlled and directed by members or former members of the Communist Party (CP). The Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice originally was not a Communist-controlled organization, and in Los Angeles membership in the organization does not necessarily indicate CP membership or CP sympathy on the part of any particular member.

The bylaws of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, adopted in January, 1954, state that the purpose for which the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice was organized is to implement in daily life the principles of liberal religion; to deepen the sense of individual social obligation by study and investigation of existing economic, political and social problems; and by promoting and participating in social action directed to their solution.

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### JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE (LOS ANGELES JEWISH CULTURAL AND FRATERNAL CLUBS; FRATERNAL MEDICAL PLAN OF THE CALIFORNIA FRATERNAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION)

An informant advised on June 13, 1958, that the Jewish Information Service was formed about January, 1954, in Los Angeles for the purpose of continuing "cultural" activity of the International Workers Order. Prior to March 4, 1956, the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs were identified as the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural Clubs, this group being formerly known as lodges of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order. The Jewish Information Service and the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs are currently active in the Los Angeles area.

The Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association was formed about January, 1954, for the purpose of continuing the activity of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order Medical Plan. Since that date the functioning of the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association has been integrated into the operation of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs, inasmuch as the service provided by the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association is made available almost exclusively to members of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs; further, effort is made to have members of the Los Angeles Jewish Cultural and Fraternal Clubs also become members of the Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association.

The Fraternal Medical Plan of the California Fraternal Service Association is currently active in the Los Angeles area.

The International Workers Order and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 8/15/58

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN  
THE ROSENBERG CASE; LOS ANGELES  
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL, aka. Los Angeles  
Committee to Secure Justice in  
the Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles  
Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Los  
Angeles Sobell Committee  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

OO: NEW YORK

Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA  
WILLIAM J. PANTTAJA, dated as above at Los Angeles, together with  
six copies of letterhead memorandum.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. PANTTAJA dated  
1/9/58 at Los Angeles, California

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

One copy of this report and one copy of the letterhead  
memorandum are being furnished to San Diego and San Francisco for  
information since it has been indicated there is a close alliance  
between the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) and the Sobell  
Committees of those areas.

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#### LEADS

##### LOS ANGELES:

##### AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the LASC.

#### INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity and/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-1 [REDACTED]	Headquarters, LASC 8/6/58	WILLIAM J. PANTTAJA	Orally
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	"
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UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR  
SOCIAL JUSTICE (Los Angeles  
Chapter)

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JEWISH INFORMATION SERVICE  
(LOS ANGELES JEWISH CULTURAL  
AND FRATERNAL CLUBS; FRATERNAL  
MEDICAL PLAN OF THE CALIFORNIA  
FRATERNAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION)

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3175	8-21-58	BS to HQ (Letter)	1	1		
3176	8-22-58	SA to SAC (MEMO)	2	2		
3177	8-26-58	SE to N.Y. Report	6	6		
3178	8-26-58	SE MEMO to N.Y. File	1	1		
3179	8-26-58	SE to HQ Letter	3	3		
3180	8-26-58	BS to HQ Letter	1	1		
3181	8-26-58	SA to SAC MEMO	2	0		
3182	8-26-58	SA to SAC MEMO	2	0		

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3183	8-27-58	SA to SAC MEMO	3	0		
3184	8-27-58	SA to SAC MEMO	5	5		NY FILE # 100-109849
3185	8-27-58	SA to SAC MEMO	2	0		
3186	8-27-58	SA to SAC MEMO	1	1		
3187	8-27-58	SA to SAC MEMO	2	0		
3188	9-2-58	N.Y. to AL (Letter)	9	5		NY FILE # 65-15735
3189	9-2-58	Request Form Info Army	1	-		REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY
3190	9-2-58	N.Y. to S.L. Letter	1	1		
3191	9-3-58	SA to SAC MEMO	7	0		
3192	9-4-58	SA to SAC MEMO	2	5		NY FILE # 100-37158
3193	9-10-58	Bs to N.Y. (Letter)	1	1		
3194	9-10-58	AL to Hq (Letter)	1	1		

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3195	9-10-58	N.Y. to HQ (Report)	6	6		
3196	9-11-58	DE Letter to File	1	1		
3197	9-11-58	DE Letter to HQ	2	2		
3198	9-12-58	N.Y. to HQ (teletype)	1	1		NY FILE # 100-109849
3199	9-15-58	SA to SAC MEMO	2	0		
3200	9-16-58	Encl from 3201	1	1		
3201	9-15-58	CV to HQ (Letter)	1	1		
3202	9-16-58	SA to SAC (MEMO)	2	0		
3203	9-16-58	PX to N.Y. (Report)	3	3		
3204	9-16-58	PX Letter to File	1	1		
3205	9-16-58	PX to HQ (Letter)	2	2		
3206	9-17-58	SA to SAC (MEMO)	2	0		

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August 18, 1958

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**

"DETROIT COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
2934 Oakman Ct.  
Detroit, Michigan

May 28, 1958

"We count you as one of the friends of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. We know you will be happy to learn that Ted Jacobs, executive secretary of the National Sobell Committee will be in town next week. He will help take care of the expanding work of the local committee which resulted from Helen's visit last month.

"We are having a get-together for Ted next Friday, June 6th at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Marvel Raskin, 18915 Santa Rosa. Ted will report on the progress of the National Campaign to Secure one million signatures for amnesty or new trial for Morton Sobell. There will also be a short report by the local committee on Helen's successful visit here last month.

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"As a special feature we will show the TV strip of a telecast shown a few months ago over one of the major New York networks. It is a 15 minute interview, with Helen answering questions put to her by one of New York's ace interviewers.

"We hope you will be able to welcome Ted at this affair next Friday. Helen's visit here last month opened up many avenues of work for the local committee. We need your help to publicize Morton's incarceration, in getting ever wider and wider circles of people interested in protesting his frameup and helping to free him. You are more than welcome to bring any friends and, if you have any signed petitions or money for the committee, you should bring that, too.

"The active members of the Detroit Sobell Committee are looking forward to seeing you next Friday, at 8:30 p.m. at 18915 Santa Rosa.

"Yours sincerely,

"Dorothea Breitman,  
Secretary - Treasurer,  
Detroit Committee to Secure  
Justice for Morton Sobell"

No action is recommended on this memorandum.



DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

8/20/58

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15241)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

Re Baltimore letter to the Director dated 1/20/58, concerning  
the possible reactivation of this committee in Baltimore.

**[REDACTED]** b7D  
Mrs. HAMMOND stated that she was  
in Baltimore in order to organize and obtain support for MORTON  
SOBELL. She said that the response had been quite good, and  
that a woman professor at Goucher College had introduced her  
to the faculty members and promised to have her students write  
papers on the case.

In view of this information, this file will be maintained in a  
pending inactive status in the Baltimore Office.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
- ② - New York (100-107111)(REGIS. MAIL)
- 1 - Baltimore

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SAC, Boston (100-27290)

August 21, 1958

Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
BOSTON DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rerep SA Walter M. Brady dated 8-11-58 at  
Boston in captioned matter.

Advise by return mail whether you consider  
captioned organization and its investigation separate  
and distinct from the investigation concerning the  
National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell,  
office of origin New York. It would appear on the basis  
of the data set forth captioned organization is not  
autonomous and is connected with the national organi-  
zation which will affect rerep inasmuch as you have  
designated the office of origin as Boston.

Your attention is also directed to the  
documentation for the National Committee to Secure  
Justice for Morton Sobell as set forth on page six.  
In the future, use the documentation set forth on page  
60 of the revised "Guide To Subversive Organizations and  
Publications" published on 1-2-57 by the House Committee  
on Un-American Activities. Instructions concerning this  
matter have been previously furnished you.

① - New York (100-107111) (Information)

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3161, 3162, 3163  
& Bureau letter 8/26/58  
FBI*

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

8/22/53

SA JOHN J. FOARDE, JR.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On August 13, 1958, [REDACTED] <sup>b7D</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of July, 1958. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The report is filed in [REDACTED] <sup>b7D</sup>

The report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
			\$ 184.80
1	\$ 274.73		752.21
8	35.00	\$ 842.14	717.21
9	13.50		703.71
10	11.57		685.34
11	74.85		610.49
14	51.04		559.45
15		191.00	750.45
18	120.00		630.45
23	35.00		595.45
28	300.00		295.45
28		44.00	339.45
30	15.77		323.68

(1) - New York (RM)

100-10711 (Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL)

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<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cleared Through</u>
\$ 300.00	Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL	Corn Exchange, New York
35.00	FRANK HAMILTON	
274.73	Ent. - Garden Reception	Merchandise National
13.59	Cash	Us
11.57	Art Mimeo Letter Service	La Salle National, Chicago
6.80	Illinois Bell	1st National, Chicago
74.85	Chicago Daily News	Harris Trust, Chicago
	HAVEN PERKINS	South East National, Chicago
51.04	Great Northern Properties	American National, Chicago
120.00	Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL	Corn Exchange, New York
35.00	Cash	Us
15.77	Illinois Bell	1st National, Chicago

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>SEATTLE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>AUG 26 1958</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/3,8-11,14-17; 5,6-8,11-14/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ROBERT E. MASON</b>	TYPED BY <b>hab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

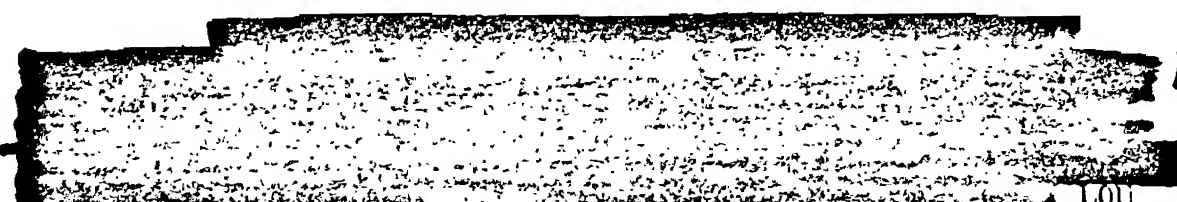

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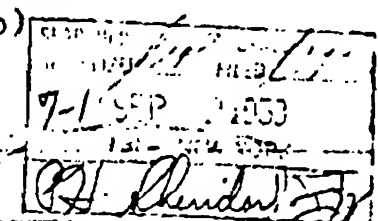
Local branches of subject organization are functioning at Seattle and Spokane. KELLY CANAFAX, former CP official; JOHN CAUGHLAN, Smith Act attorney, and LOU CONRAD, CP member, now constitute leadership of local organization presently engaged in collecting petitions for MORTON SOBELL.

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DETAILS:

I. OFFICERS AND OBJECTIVES

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LOU CONRAD, who is known  to be currently active in the Communist Party, USA, Spokane Section.

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The Communist Party, USA (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The documentation for the Free Press Discussion Club is to be found in the appendix to this report.

On March 5, 1958, [REDACTED] reported that KELLY CANAFAX, on that date, was observed making contact with BURT NELSON in downtown Seattle at which time she discussed the status of the SOBELL COMMITTEE nationally and locally. b2

In the February 17, 1956 issue of the "People's World", Northwest Edition, page 6, column 1, there appears an article reporting that the Communist Party had announced that BURT NELSON had been elected Chairman of the Washington State Communist Party organization.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] reported that KELLY CANAFAX, [REDACTED] was requesting other members of the SOBELL COMMITTEE at Seattle to distribute petitions in behalf of SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] CAROLINE CANAFAX, 3702 West Tillman Street, Seattle 16, Washington, represented the "Seattle Committee to Secure Justice for Norton Sobell", which is an organization identified by Mrs. CANAFAX as lending full effort to the assistance of NORTON and HELEN SOBELL. b7D

## II. ACTIVITIES AT SEATTLE

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] This

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informant heard or saw no reference to subject committee, but did observe JOHN CAUGHLAN present [REDACTED] one of the defense counsel during the Seattle Smith Act trial in 1953. b7D

[REDACTED] reported that a MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE meeting was held [REDACTED] JOHN CAUGHLAN, former Seattle Smith Act trial attorney, was present and gave a committee report on finances [REDACTED] b7D

The Washington Pension Union has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] petitions were passed out at a meeting [REDACTED] the petitions were addressed to the President of the United States from "The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell". The CP members present were expected to sign this petition and to obtain additional signatures. b7D

[REDACTED] reported that a petition in behalf of MORTON SOBELL was circulated among the members [REDACTED] during a meeting of that club [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] reported that petitions asking MORTON SOBELL's release from prison were circulated at Humanist Hall in Seattle [REDACTED] during a meeting of the local branch of the [REDACTED] b7D

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The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] reported that during a meeting of the [REDACTED] that one of the club members, [REDACTED] mentioned that during a recent contact with attorney JOHN CAUGHLAN, the latter requested [REDACTED] to urge each member in his CP club to write to both their U. S. Senators and Representatives regarding the SOBELL case. b7D

### III. ACTIVITIES AT SPOKANE

[REDACTED] advised that a meeting of the [REDACTED] was held at [REDACTED] in honor of MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] reported that LOU CONRAD while at a [REDACTED] meeting [REDACTED] made the announcement to members that a SOBELL petition was present and that \$1.00 had been pledged for each signature thereon. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. CONRAD went on to announce that a total of \$13.00 was previously received [REDACTED] and could be applied to their quota for the SOBELL COMMITTEE. b7D

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] during a meeting [REDACTED] an additional appeal was made to those present for more funds for the MORTON SOBELL case. b7D

[REDACTED] LOU CONRAD was heard to say that attorney [REDACTED] b7D



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JOHN CAUGHLAN in Seattle wanted to know who had written letters to free MORTON SOBELL so that he could let HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON, know how people are responding to this case.

APPENDIX

FREE PRESS DISCUSSION CLUB  
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A Confidential Informant advised on December 1, 1953, that the Free Press Discussion Club, Spokane, Washington, was initiated by action of the Spokane local of the Washington Pension Union as a forum to commence meetings on December 6, 1953. Officers selected by the FPDC, according to later reports by the same informant, have been predominantly members of the Communist Party, USA. On February 16, 1955, the same informant stated that the purpose of the FPDC is to raise funds for the "Daily People's World" and "National Guardian" through a program of dinners, socials, and other activities, and although some of the participants are non-Communists, nevertheless, the FPDC undoubtedly would cease its existence but for the support of Communist Party members.

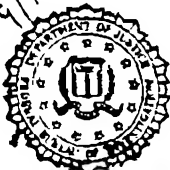
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"The Daily People's World," now known as the "People's World," was described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as the "West Coast mouth-piece of the Communist Party." The 1949 report of the same committee cited the "National Guardian" as a publication which from its inception was notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and contents.

Another Confidential Informant on [REDACTED] reported that a regular meeting of the FPDC was held at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 67d

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Seattle, Washington

AUG 26 1954

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Re: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

All concealed informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Robert E. Mason at Seattle dated and captioned as above, have provided reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: AUG 26 1958

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-22197)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: New York)

Enclosed are six copies of the report of SA ROBERT E. MASON dated and captioned as above at Seattle, with six copies of the letterhead memorandum for dissemination. Report and letterhead memorandum furnished to DIO 13th ND, OSI McChord AFB, and Region III.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT E. MASON dated 2/12/58 at Seattle.

ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is designated for the San Francisco Office. The Sobell Committee at San Francisco in the past has been designated to receive funds collected through the Seattle branch.

This report is classified "Confidential" under the terms of Executive Order 10501 since data reported herein by current active informants, if not protected, could result in their disclosure and discontinuation, thereby tending to compromise national defense concerning security matters.

Careful consideration was afforded each source concealed and temporary symbols were utilized in this report only where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 12) (REG)  
 ② - New York (100-107111) (Encl. 4) (REG)  
 1 - San Francisco (Info) (100-35117) (Encl. 2) (REG)  
 2 - Seattle

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INFORMANTS

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T-10 is	[REDACTED]	b7D

Informants were contacted for any additional pertinent information of subject organization without result as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>
7/8/58-	[REDACTED]	EDWARD BRENNKE
7/8/58	[REDACTED]	GIRARD KETL
7/8/58	[REDACTED]	H. EDWARD MC NULTY

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>
7/9/58	[REDACTED] b7D	H. EDWARD MC NULTY H. EDWARD MC NULTY EDWARD BREKKE DONALD H. HEAD
7/10/58	[REDACTED] b7D	DONALD H. HEAD J. NORTON ARNOLD GIRARD KEIL ROBERT E. MASON ROBERT E. MASON
7/11/58	[REDACTED] b7D	ROBERT E. MASON ROBERT H. WICK GIRARD KEIL J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN
7/14/58	[REDACTED] b7D	JAMES F. FLYNN JAMES F. FLYNN
7/15/58	[REDACTED] b7D	JAMES F. FLYNN JAMES F. FLYNN
7/16/58	[REDACTED] b7D	GIRARD KEIL
7/17/58	[REDACTED] b7D	J. NORTON ARNOLD GIRARD KEIL
8/5/58	[REDACTED] b7D	ROBERT E. MASON

LEADS

SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Seattle, Washington

Will follow and report activities of subject organization in the State of Washington.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

8/26/58

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
BOSTON DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet dated 8/21/58 and report of SA WALTER M. BRADY dated 8/11/58 at Boston in captioned matter.

ReBulet advised that on the basis of data set forth in rerep of SA BRADY, it would appear captioned organization is connected with the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and not <sup>an</sup> autonomous organization. The Boston Office upon reconsideration of data set forth in rerep does not consider captioned organization and its investigation separate and distinct from the investigation concerning the national organization. Therefore, the office of origin in rerep has been changed from Boston to New York, and it is requested that the Bureau and the New York Office make similar change in their copies of rerep.

In view of the above, an additional copy of rerep and the cover letter thereto are being furnished the New York Office by separate communication.

Additional autostat copies of rerep have been furnished to G-2, OSI and ONI in view of their possible interest in this case and further amendment to rerep is accordingly requested to denote dissemination as follows: 6 Bureau; 1 G-2, Governor's Island, N. Y.; 1 OSI, Westover AFB, Mass.; 1 DIO, Boston, Mass.; 2 New York; 2 Boston.

Dissemination of the above-mentioned cover letter to rerep should additionally be changed to read: 2 Bureau; 2 New York; 2 Boston.

In the matter of classification of rerep, it is noted that information furnished by T-1 could reasonably result in his identification. Although the services of T-1 as a confidential informant have been discontinued, T-1 nevertheless maintains potential for reactivation in the immediate future, and it is accordingly requested that copies of rerep be classified "Confidential" to insure that this potential may not be compromised. Boston copies have been classified accordingly.

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (RM)
- 1 - Boston (100-27290)

*Correction made*  
*See Serials 3161 3162 3163*  
*Shudson*  
*Pls have report stamped*

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-126321)(7-3)

8/27/58

SA EDWARD M. ANCIN (7-6)

HAYDEN PERRY  
SM - C

On 8/12/58, [REDACTED] b7D who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN with a written report as follows:

8-12-58

Hayden and Esther Perry are members of the Socialist Workers Party. They work closely with the Sobell Committee of New York. Esther Perry is more prominent in the Sobell Committee than her husband. At the present time both are canvassing for the United Socialist Ticket.

On August 12, 1958 I observed of a man and woman standing beside an automobile. The woman is dressed in bathing attire and the man is smoking a pipe. These individuals are Esther and Hayden Perry.

This report is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

On 8/12/58, SA WILLIAM G. LINEHAN exhibited a photograph of HAYDEN and ESTHER PERRY taken in 1956 and described as above. The informant identified the couple in the photograph as ESTHER and HAYDEN PERRY.

- [REDACTED] b7C D
- 1 - NY 100-4013 (SWP)(7-3)
  - 1 - NY 100-135320 (UISEC)(7-3)
  - 1 - NY 100-107111 (NCSJMS)(7-1)
  - 1 - [REDACTED]

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MORRIS PASTERNAK  
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Reurlet to Bureau 12/23/57, captioned, "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, IS-C," SL 100-11726, wherein [redacted] reports the presence of "MR. PASTERNAK-NY." at a national conference of said committee held 11/30/57, at NYC. b7D

Herewith is enclosed a photograph of MORRIS PASTERNAK to be displayed to [redacted] to determine whether he is identical to the "MR. PASTERNAK" known to informant. b2D

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: September 10, 1958

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
BOSTON DIVISION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rerep SA WALTER M. BRADY dated 8/11/58, at Boston.

Referenced report has been declassified and it is requested that the copies of this report furnished your office bearing the classification of "CONFIDENTIAL" be marked accordingly.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/10/58

SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Albany letter to Bureau dated 7/9/58.

In regard to the program to broaden the coverage of the above organization in the Albany Division, three new panel source cases have been opened as a result of a review of the files on individuals who have been previously connected with the organization.

Background investigations are being conducted on these individuals and, upon completion, the Bureau will be requested for permission to contact these persons as Panel Sources.

In addition to the above, interviews with five Security Index subjects who have had some association with the Syracuse Sobell Committee have been conducted since the last progress letter with negative results.

There have been no reported activities of the Syracuse Sobell Committee during the past 60 days, and no opportunity to develop connection with these activities.

cc: 2-Bureau (100-387835) (RM)  
1-New York (RM)  
1-Albany (100-13260)

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*C. Sheridan*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT	DATE WHEN MADE 9/11/58	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/10/58	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT M. SMITH JLK
TITLE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>[redacted] advised that the Detroit Branch of the SWP sponsored Mrs. HELEN SOBELL'S visit to Detroit in 4/58. [redacted] made available on 6/5/58 a leaflet dated 5/28/58 advising of a get-together 6/6/58 of friends of the subject committee to hear a report by TED JACOBS, Executive Secretary of the National Sobell Committee.</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>[redacted] advised [redacted] that in its efforts to influence and infiltrate other organizations, the Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) sponsored Mrs. HELEN SOBELL'S visit to Detroit during April, 1958.</p>			
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[redacted] advised that the meeting, which was held at Wayne State University, at which Mrs. SOBELL spoke, was arranged by BOB HIMMEL, a member of the SWP. [redacted]

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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] The purpose of the meeting was to meet TED JACOBS of the New York Sobell Committee, and to discuss with him active means of supporting the Sobell Committee. JACOBS told of the success of the recent visit of HELEN SOBELL to various cities in the United States. He also said that Dr. MALCOLM SHARPE, of the University of Chicago, is going on tour in the fall of 1958, to speak in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

Suggested activities to support the Sobell Committee during the summer included:

1. A forum at which Dr. BOULDING of the University of Michigan, Dr. HENRY HERRMANN of Wayne State University, and Dr. RAHPAPOR (phonetic), (believed to be VICTOR A. RAPPORT), will speak for the Sobell Committee.

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2. Distribution of Sobell "flyers" telling about the case.

3. Have a party at the new Bohemian Club, (Woodward at Mack, Detroit), and increase the regular prices of all refreshments. The increase from the refreshments would go as proceeds to the Sobell Committee.

[REDACTED] made available a leaflet which is captioned, "DETROIT COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL," and reflects the following:

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"DETROIT COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
2934 Oakman Ct.  
Detroit, Michigan

"May 28, 1958

"Dear Friend,

"We count you as one of the friends of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. We know you will be happy to learn that Ted Jacobs, executive secretary of the National Sobell Committee, will be in town next week. He will help take care of the expanding work of the local committee which resulted from Helen's visit last month.

"We are having a get-together for Ted next Friday, June 6th at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Marvel Raskin, 18915 Santa Rosa. Ted will report on the progress of the National Campaign to Secure one million signatures for amnesty or new trial for Morton Sobell. There will also be a short report by the local committee on Helen's successful visit here last month.

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"As a special feature we will show the TV strip of a telecast shown a few months ago over one of the major New York networks. It is a 15 minute interview, with Helen answering questions put to her by one of New York's ace interviewers.

"We hope you will be able to welcome Ted at this affair next Friday. Helen's visit here last month opened up many avenues of work for the local committee. We need your help to publicize Morton's incarceration, in getting ever wider and wider circles of people interested in protesting his frameup and helping to free him. You are more than welcome to bring any friends and, if you have any signed petitions or money for the committee, you should bring that, too.

"The active members of the Detroit Sobell Committee are looking forward to seeing you next Friday, at 8:30 p.m. at 18915 Santa Rosa.

"Yours sincerely,

"Dorothea Breitman,  
Secretary - Treasurer,  
Detroit Committee to Secure  
Justice for Morton Sobell"

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[REDACTED] reported in January, 1948, b7D  
that MARVEL HASKIN held Communist Party membership card  
number 72139 which reflected that she belonged to the  
Labelle Club of District 7, CP, USA, Detroit, Michigan.

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House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), The  
Subversive Activities Control Board, Washington, D.C.,  
and Detroit Smith Act Trials of December, 1953.

The Communist Party, USA (CP) has been  
designated by the Attorney General of the United  
States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

YOUNG SOCIALIST CLUB OF WAYNE COUNTY (YSC)  
Also Known As, Wayne University Young  
Socialist Club; Wayne Young Socialist  
Club; Young Socialist Club

A Source advised in 1955, 1956, and 1957 that the Young Socialist Club of Wayne County, also known as Wayne University Young Socialist Club, Wayne Young Socialist Club, and Young Socialist Club (YSC) was organized on the campus of the Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, in the fall of 1954 through the efforts of the Detroit Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP). As a result of the University's action in banning the YSC from the campus in the spring of 1956, the YSC adopted the name Young Socialist Club of Wayne County and continued to function by using the facilities of the SWP for its headquarters.

This Source advised that the YSC has been controlled and directed by members of the SWP from its inception to the present time. The purpose of the YSC was to afford the SWP an opportunity to make contacts, recruit members into the SWP, and spread propaganda among the students and other young people.

Another Source advised in 1958, that the Detroit Branch SWP continued to use this club. The Source advised on July 8, 1958, that although the YSC claims to be organized independently of all "adult" socialist political party tendencies, this club continues to function and be controlled and directed by members of the Detroit Branch SWP.

The constitution of the YSC states its purpose "shall be to unite young students, workers, and members of minority groups who wish to build and participate in an independent, militant, socialist group. It shall engage in a broad program of political, educational, and social activities, bringing socialist ideas to young people in an atmosphere of free and open discussion."

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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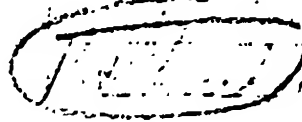
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

All Informants and Sources utilized in the report of Special Agent Robert M. Smith, at Detroit, dated and captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside your agency.

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

September 11, 1956

SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MONTON SOBELL  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of the report of SA ROBERT M. SMITH, at Detroit, dated and captioned as above, along with six copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to the reliability of informants mentioned therein. Also enclosed for New York are two copies each of above-mentioned report and letterhead memorandum.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Detroit, 8/6/56, captioned as above.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are not being distributed locally because of the lack of organized activity in this area.

Careful consideration has been given each source concealed and T symbols were used in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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Characterization on Appendix

[REDACTED] Young Socialist Club

This report is being classified "Confidential" since the data reported by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identity of the Confidential Informant, who is of continuing value and might compromise his future effectiveness. b7D

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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# Chicago Sobell Committee

20 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD • ROOM 1301 • CHICAGO 4, ILLINOIS

Phone WEBSTER 9-5992

September 1958

Dear Friends:

Though Labor Day is not the official signal for the end of summer, it is when we begin to add up the things we did and did not do.

Many of us were away and enjoying a change of routine and the pleasures of different locales. Some of us stayed at home where there was plenty to do and yet we found time to relax and enjoy some of the things we like. Though we are not in the travel business and won't attempt to report on everyone's activities, we are in the Sobell business and we do want to report on some of the travels in our behalf.

Helen Sobell spent a month in Mexico. Though Mexico is a wonderful place to visit, it was no pleasure for Helen to return to the scene of the start of her tragedy. Helen went to meet with people, to discuss, plan and search for information and assistance to continue the legal battle to free her husband from prison. Mr. Marshall Ferlin, Sobell's attorney, worked two weeks with Helen in Mexico.

Morton's mother, Rose Sobell, spent a month in Washington, D. C. talking to Senators and Representatives, and people prominent in Washington. One of the most encouraging facts in this business of meeting people is the varied reactions, most always encouraging, but never has it made an enemy.

Some of the traveling started from Chicago. Haven Perkins and his wife combined a vacation with business. On their way to visit Haven's family in New Orleans they stopped in St. Louis, their former home, and worked a week with the local committee raising funds, pledges and helped organize a program for securing signatures and funds. While in New Orleans, Perkins visited two prominent attorneys and sold them each a copy of Malcolm Sharp's book, with the understanding that after they read the book they will pass it on to their friends to read.

Earlier this year he spent a week in Cleveland and Akron with the local committees, and is returning again on the 15th to continue the work started there.

A few weeks ago, a large group of religious leaders came to Chicago to attend the Congress of Religious Liberals, and we prepared a special piece of literature and distributed 500 copies.

These are some of the things we can add up on the good side, but one of the things we did not do is to keep up our pace for raising funds. We slipped badly this summer, and now it has become a serious problem. We do want to say, however, how much we appreciate the continuous support from so many of our sustaining contributors, and to remind those who have fallen behind in their pledges how much we are depending on their resuming the support we so urgently need. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for your pledge.

Sincerely,

*David L. Sobell*  
David L. Sobell

100-107111-3200

SAC, Cleveland

September 15, 1958

Director, FBI (100-387835)

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

There are enclosed for the Cleveland Office two Photostats of a letter prepared by the Chicago Sobell Committee, the Chicago, Illinois, affiliate of captioned organization, which sets forth a summary of the activities of various individuals associated with captioned organization. Information is set forth indicating that Haven Perkins, former organizer of the St. Louis Sobell Committee and now associated with the Chicago Sobell Committee, had spent a week in early 1958 in Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, working with local committees in those areas and is returning on September 15, 1958, to continue the work that he has initiated in those cities.

Bufiles are negative concerning receipt of information from your office reflecting that Sobell committees are active in Cleveland and Akron. Sulet by October 1, 1958, setting forth a resume of available data reflecting activities concerning this matter, together with your recommendation whether investigation should be initiated pursuant to the provisions of Section 87E of the Manual of Instructions.

There is enclosed for the information of the New York Office a Photostat of the above-described Chicago Sobell Committee letter.

Enclosures (2)

① - New York (100-107111)(Information)(Enclosure))

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA CALVIN W. EVANS</b>	TYPED BY <b>WES</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

[REDACTED] literature passed out at this gathering. [REDACTED] received a letter and a petition from the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL at New York, New York. [REDACTED] b7D

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DETAILS: The COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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At a gathering of approximately 29 persons [REDACTED] RUTH ROSENTHAL made a speech. She said she was going to show a picture where HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, was interviewed. She mentioned she had some literature which was later passed out and that she had a petition for those present who wished to do so might sign. RUTH ROSENTHAL stated that what they are trying to do is to raise as much money as they can to fight for MORTON SOBELL's freedom. She pointed out that they had succeeded so far in getting SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz Penitentiary. b7D

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received a letter from the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. Enclosed was a letter dated May, 1958, addressed to: "Dear Friend" and signed MRS. MORTON SOBELL, and a "Petition on Behalf of MORTON SOBELL" addressed to "MR. PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, D. C." The letter advised that nearly 10,000 Americans had signed the attached petition and asked that the addressee sign and have his friends sign the petition and make a financial contribution. The petition called for an executive pardon or commutation of SOBELL's sentence or a new trial for him. b7D

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Isadore Gitman

On January 9, 1957, ISADORE GITMAN was identified as Treasurer of the CP in Tucson, Arizona.

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Sara Swing and Gaylord Swing

SARA and GAYLORD SWING, husband and wife, are members of the CP in Phoenix.

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Minnie Pappas

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MINNIE PAPPAS was a CP member in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1949.

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People's World

The PW is a weekly west coast Communist newspaper.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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P. O. Box 1070  
Phoenix, Arizona

September 16, 1958

RE: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
CALVIN W. EVANS, dated at Phoenix, Arizona, September 16,  
1958, in the above-captioned matter.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this  
report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is the property of the FBI.  
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contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which  
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P. Sheridan  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387,835)

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (100-4333)

SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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DATE: 9-16-58

There are enclosed herewith 6 copies of the report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS, dated at Phoenix, 9-16-58, together with 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting out the reliability of informants in this report.

Reference:

Report of SA CALVIN W. EVANS, dated at Phoenix, 3-21-58.

Administrative:

This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL since data reported by T-1, T-2, and T-3 could reasonably result in the identification of these confidential informants and compromise their future effectiveness.

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THE PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA


Will follow and report the activities of the SOBELL COMMITTEE in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>ALBANY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>SEP 4 1958</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/4,5/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT S. REA</b>	TYPED BY <b>zhg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS: Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, NY, identified as affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.


[REDACTED]

Informant advised identified CP members and sympathizers contributed funds to Sobell Committee. Informants furnished information that identified CP members were in possession of Sobell literature and assisted in composing and distributing literature. Literature distributed by Syracuse Sobell Committee set out. Informant advised Syracuse Peace Council distributed Sobell literature in 6/58, and Rosenberg-Sobell case discussed in 8/58, at National Guardian picnic. [REDACTED]

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PREFACE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains on page 60 the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was re-constituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)

On March 3, 1958, Mrs. NATALIE MARKOWITZ, 715 Crawford Avenue, Syracuse, New York, made available material received with the return address 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, and postmarked 2/27/58, which contained a tabloid newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done, A Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell," published February, 1958, by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell,

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which lists the following:

National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, phone AL 4-9983

Syracuse Sobell Committee, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

Also enclosed with the material furnished by Mrs. MARKOWITZ was a mimeographed letter with the heading Syracuse Sobell Committee and on the bottom of the letter instead of a signature the typewritten name LILLIAN E. REINER (Mrs. HOWARD L.), Chairman, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, telephone GR 2-2406.

[REDACTED] advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER was not known as a member of the Communist Party at that time but as Chairman of the American Labor Party, was closely associated with Communist Party members. b7D

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

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[REDACTED] advised on May 7, 1953, that FRED HENRICKSON was a Communist Party member as of that date.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 29, 1951 that ELSIE COHN, a CP member, attended a CP meeting at Syracuse, New York, on December 27, 1951.

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[REDACTED] advised on November 18, 1953, that SAM FELD was a member of the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN were long time Communist Party members at Syracuse, New York, as of that date.

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[REDACTED] advised on April 1, 1957, that EDWIN WAGNER was an upstate New York official of the Communist Party at that time.

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[REDACTED] stated that the weekly newsletter circulated by the National Sobell Committee was also discussed. b2

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of the city-wide [REDACTED] held during [REDACTED] disclosed that TED JACOBS, was publicity director of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on November 7, 1950, that a photograph of WILLIAM WOLF was identical to an individual whom the informant knew to be TED JACOBS of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on December 10, 1950, that WILLIAM WOLF was "an old Party hack," who was active in the youth movement in the Communist Party. [REDACTED] advised that he had not heard WOLF referred to as TED JACOBS. b7D  
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[REDACTED] advised on May 27, 1953, that as of May 17, 1953, LEON COHN was active in the American Labor Party at Syracuse, New York, and had been associated with numerous Communist Party members in the American Labor Party from 1951 to 1953. b7D

On November 7, 1950, an anonymous letter dated November 6, 1950, and signed "A Patriotic Citizen," was directed to the New York Office of the FBI. Enclosed was a wallet which the writer stated was found "a few days ago" on Broadway, outside the Trinity Church at the head of Wall Street, New York City. Among the contents of the wallet was a list captioned "Paid-up members for 1950 in the Stadium Club," on which was the name MONROE GUISBOND, 1098 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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[REDACTED] advised in 1947, that the "Stadium Club" covers the Morrisania section of the Bronx, New York, and is a club of the Bronx County Communist Party located at 1 East 157th Street, Bronx, New York. b7D

Records of the Board of Elections, New York City, were reviewed on September 1, 1954, and disclosed MONROE GUIBOND resided at 1098 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York, in 1949 and 1950.

[REDACTED] advised on November 20, 1956, that EMERY PESKO was a member of the Communist Party as of November 20, 1956, at Syracuse, New York. b7D

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FUNDS OF THE SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

Confidential Informant Albany [REDACTED] on February 18, 1958, made available information regarding material in the possession of EDWIN WAGNER, 131 Oxford Street, Syracuse, New York, on that date. Among this material, according to the informant, was an envelope with the printed return, "Bangor House, Bangor, Maine," which contained the handwritten notation "\$90.00 - on hand Dec. 11, 1957, Sobell Committee money," and also the notation "Buy 500 large stamped 3¢ envelopes." b2

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[REDACTED] advised on September 15, 1952, that IDA ROSSOFF was a member of the Communist Party as of that date at Syracuse, New York, and was a charter member of the Communist Party at Syracuse. b7D

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Confidential Informant Albany T-9, on February 18, 1958, furnished information relative to material in the possession of EDWIN WAGNER on that date. Among this material, according to the informant, was a printed folder containing on one end a blank for sending money to "Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York City," center fold containing the address, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City," and the infold containing photographs of HELEN and ROSE SOBELL with the following message:

"From the wife and mother of MORTON SOBELL, to our friends:

"For eight years we have lived from day to day in the hope that the injustice which has destroyed the life of our family would be reviewed by the courts of our country so that an innocent man could be saved from destruction. The horror of knowing that the steadfastness of a father, a son and a husband, of a man who is a brilliant scientist has been rewarded only by continuing torment which is a difficult thing to bear for MORTON's mother and for myself.

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"We can never stop our efforts to make known all of the immorality, lying and conniving that went on in this trial. Life has no meaning to us if it must be lived together with such monstrous injustice. We know MORTON's innocence, his goodness, his kindness and his honesty. All that has gone before will be but a beginning to the cries that must awaken everyone and show them that MORTON must be treated as human being, not as a pawn in a struggle for power over man's mind.

"It is an unworthy thing which our great Supreme Court has done in not even taking this matter in its jurisdiction. What can it fear when all that we seek to establish is the truth itself? We know that those who have read the trial record, who have studied the facts in this case will continue their efforts on MORTON's behalf. All those great and eminent scientists and thinkers of our country who have expressed their support before have received no answers to their questions. History will award a verdict of innocent to MORTON, but we must find that verdict now.

"The Supreme Court's decision not to review means that at this time in our country's history a man may be placed in prison for 30 years without a single judge ever reviewing his case, except the judge who sentenced him.

"A way must be found to unlock the door of Alcatraz. We ask all who are devoted to humanity and justice to join in building a groundswell of public opinion that will free MORTON SOBELL.

"We believe - whether the court should act for good or evil in future appeals - that any plea for pardon or commutation must be man-voiced, and must reflect the moral and ethical concepts of life that most American families share. We shall be asking the major religious, scientific, humane and political leaders and laymen to speak for MORTON SOBELL's freedom. We are confident they will.

"This effort - combined with continuing efforts in the courts - will be the greatest ever undertaken in this case."

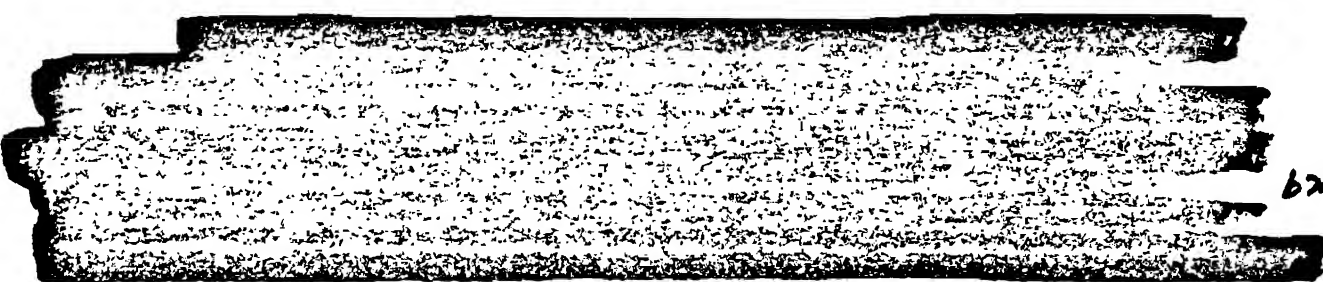
"/s/ Mrs. Morton Sobell, Mrs. Rose Sobell"



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Among this material were the following items all printed or reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell:

A reprint from "The Washington Post," Sunday, 10/27/57, page E4, entitled "Issues in the Sobell Case," a letter from MALCOLM SHARP, Professor of Law, University of Chicago; a reprint from "The New York Post," New York, Sunday, October 20, 1957, entitled "Dear Editor - The Sobell Case;" a letter from NORMAN THOMAS; a reprint from "The Oregonian," Wednesday, October 16, 1957, entitled "We Need to be Sure," an editorial by HERBERT LUNDY, Editor of the Editorial Page; and, a mimeographed paper containing the following: "The following is a letter which MORTON SOBELL wrote from Alcatraz to his wife, HELEN, on November 14, 1957, after learning that the Supreme Court had refused to review his case. MORTON SOBELL is enduring his eighth year of imprisonment. This Thanksgiving marks the end of his fifth year in Alcatraz." There followed a two page typewritten letter reportedly from MORTON SOBELL.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORT

4/22/58

Mrs. NATALIE MARKOWITZ, 715 Crawford Avenue, Syracuse, New York, advised that on February 28, 1958, she received a letter from 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, addressed to Mrs. B. MARKOWITZ, 715 Crawford Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York. She stated that the envelope contained a letter headed "SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE," dated February 10, 1958, and signed "LILLIAN E. (Mrs. Howard L.) REINER, Chairman," a printed card already addressed to Honorable JACOB K. JAVITS, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., requesting him to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz, and a tabloid newspaper entitled "THAT JUSTICE SHALL BE DONE," published by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, February, 1958.

Mrs. MARKOWITZ stated that she does not know LILLIAN REINER although she is a member of several Jewish women's organizations whose membership list might have been obtained by REINER. She stated that her husband had searched his records and found that LILLIAN REINER had been a customer of theirs and that she might possibly have sent the literature to them for that reason.

Mrs. MARKOWITZ stated that she could furnish no further information concerning this organization.

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Interview with Mrs. NATALIE MARKOWITZ File # 100-13250  
on 3/3/58 at Syracuse, New York Dictated 3/3/58  
by Special Agent ROBERT S. PEA CMS/GHG

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On March 3, 1953, Mrs. NATALIE MARKOWITZ, previously referred to, made available an envelope addressed to "Mrs. B. MARKOWITZ, 715 Crawford Avenue, Syracuse 10, New York," with the return address "1009 Cumberland Avenue," and postmarked February 27, 1958, which contained the following items:

1. A mimeographed letter, previously referred to, with the heading SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE, dated February 10, 1958, which is quoted as follows:

"Dear Friend:

"This letter and the enclosed tabloid is being mailed to several hundred Syracusans; community leaders; professional people; clergymen; rabbis; union officials, and men and women who we hope will concern themselves in righting a wrong.

"On page 4 of the enclosed newspaper is a copy of a petition which thousands of Americans across the nation are signing. We hope you too will sign it as an expression of your own feeling for the spirit of fair play.

"In any case we know you will find the information in the paper interesting and enlightening. We trust you will take a few minutes of your time to read it through. If you are interested in getting additional information on this case, please let us know."

"Sincerely,  
/s/ "Lillian E. Reiner (Mrs. Howard L.)  
Chairman, 1009 Cumberland Avenue,  
Syracuse, New York, Granite 2-2405"

2. A tabloid newspaper entitled "THAT JUSTICE SHALL BE DONE," a newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell published February, 1958, by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

3. A printed card addressed to Honorable JACOB K. JAVITS, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., from the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York 10, requesting the transfer of

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MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz.

Confidential Informant Albany T-11, on March 7, 1958, furnished the same literature set forth above, mailed on the same date.

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#### ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

[REDACTED] advised on July 8, 1958, at the annual dinner meeting of the Syracuse Peace Council held at Drumlin's Country Club, Syracuse, New York, on June 2, 1958, the following literature was displayed on the distribution table:

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1. A reprint from the Utah Law Review, Volume 5, Number 4, Fall of 1957, entitled "Book Reviews," which was review of the book entitled "Reflections on Hanging" by ARTHUR KOESTLER, and the book entitled "Was Justice Done?" by MALCOLM P. SHARP. This article was signed FRANCIS D. WORMETH, Professor of Political Science, University of Utah, and was a reprint of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.

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2. A leaflet entitled "Justice for Morton Sobell" by Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE, which was stated to be a sermon delivered by Reverend ERWIN A. GAEDE, Unitarian Society of Westwood, January, 1958, at West Los Angeles, California.
3. A press release on the stationery of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, from the desk of TED JACOBS, for release on Monday, April 21, 1958, which is entitled "Excerpts of Speech" by Reverend PETER MC CONNACK, Minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco and former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz, delivered at a meeting in the Community Church, New York City, April 21, sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

[REDACTED] advised on September 3, 1958, that on August 17, 1958, a picnic to raise funds for the "National Guardian" was held at the home of JANE ANDERSON and ELIZABETH ALLEN. [REDACTED]

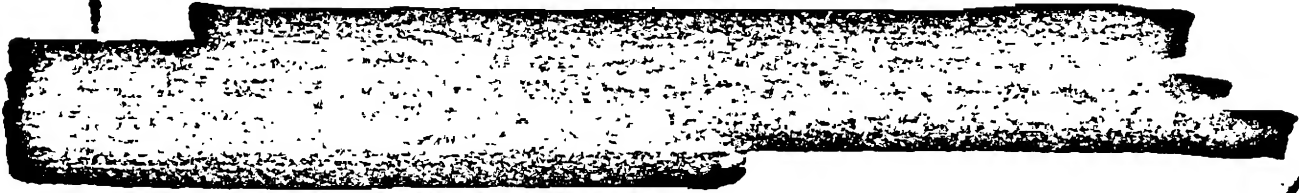
[REDACTED] advised that a tape recording of interviews on the program "Counterpoint" with Professor KOESTLER, ROY COHEN and Professor MALCOLM SIMPSON were played and the Rosenberg Case and MORTON SOBELL were discussed individually. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that ROY COHEN was castigated but otherwise there was little open discussion. b2

#### MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] advised on April 30, 1958, that a protest meeting was held by the Sobell Committee on Monday evening, April 21, 1958, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that YURI SUNI was Master of Ceremonies and introduced several dignitaries who were in the audience among them Reverend G. SHUBERT FRYE of the Synod of New York, Syracuse, New York. b20

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## APPENDIX

### AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the\*\*\*American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL

A confidential source advised on October 21, 1954, that the Syracuse Peace Council was organized in 1936, at Syracuse, New York, and is the local chapter of the New York State Peace Council, a pacifist organization. The Syracuse Peace Council, in the opinion of the source, is infiltrated but not controlled by the Syracuse Communist Party.

Another confidential source advised on April 28, 1954, that the Communist Party in Syracuse, New York desired that resistance to the entry of the United States into the Indo-China War be strengthened and the Communist Party found that the Syracuse Peace Council was the most important local organization through which its members could influence organized peace groups, labor unions and churches.

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. \*\*\*Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, p. 12.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Albany, New York

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THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Reference is made to the report of SA ROBERT S. REA dated and captioned as above at Albany.

All informants utilized in the preparation of this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE:

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

OO: NEW YORK

Enclosed are copies of the report of SA ROBERT S. FEA dated and captioned as above at Albany, New York, and copies of letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above setting forth the reliability of informants used in this report.

REFERENCES

Albany report of SA ROBERT S. FEA dated 3/11/58.  
 Albany letter to Bureau dated 3/15/58.  
 Albany airtel to Bureau dated 3/15/58.  
 Bureau letter to Albany dated 3/17/58.  
 Albany letter to Bureau dated 4/7/58.  
 Albany airtel to Bureau dated 4/14/58.  
 Bureau airtel to Albany dated 4/17/58.  
 New York letter to Albany 4/28/58. (inter-office)  
 Albany letter to Director dated 5/8/58.  
 Albany airtel to Director dated 5/10/58.  
 Albany airtel to Director dated 5/15/58.  
 New York letter to San Francisco dated 5/29/58. (inter-office)  
 Bureau letter to Albany dated 6/3/58.  
 Albany letter to Bureau dated 6/5/58.  
 Albany letter to Bureau dated 7/9/58.  
 New York report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN dated 7/7/58.  
 New York letter to Newark dated 7/31/58. (inter-office)  
 New York letter to Newark dated 8/12/58. (inter-office)

cc: 2-Bureau (100-387835)(RM)  
 2-New York (100-107111)(RM)  
 2-Albany (100-13260)

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*P. H. Sheridan*

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Literature in possession of EDWIN WAGNER, 2/18/58

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Literature received from LILLIAN REINER, MAILED 2/27/58

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[REDACTED] were used to document the Syracuse Peace Council.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols in this report and they have been used only where necessary.

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ALBANY OFFICE

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: September 23, 1958

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-1549)

SUBJECT: "GLOS LUDOWY" (People's Voice)  
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ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory, Translation Unit

The \_\_\_\_\_ edition of the Polish language newspaper "Glos Ludowy" is enclosed for translation by the Bureau. The translations should follow suggestions previously furnished. Original newspaper should be returned to Detroit with the translations.

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The 9/6/58 issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page 12, Column 3-4, of the English Section contained an article which contains information pertaining to individuals or organizations within your jurisdiction.

A Photostat of the article is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action you deem necessary.

The attached is a summary of information translated from the \_\_\_\_\_ issue of "Glos Ludowy," Page \_\_\_\_\_, Column \_\_\_\_\_.

The information which pertains to individuals or organizations within your division is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action deemed appropriate.

Translated by: Bureau Translator \_\_\_\_\_

Detroit Translator \_\_\_\_\_

On April 19, 1955 [REDACTED] <sup>b7D</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past (protect identity), advised that the "Glos Ludowy" is a Polish-English language weekly newspaper published in Detroit which closely follows the Communist Party line. The entire editorial policy of this newspaper is dominated by CP members.

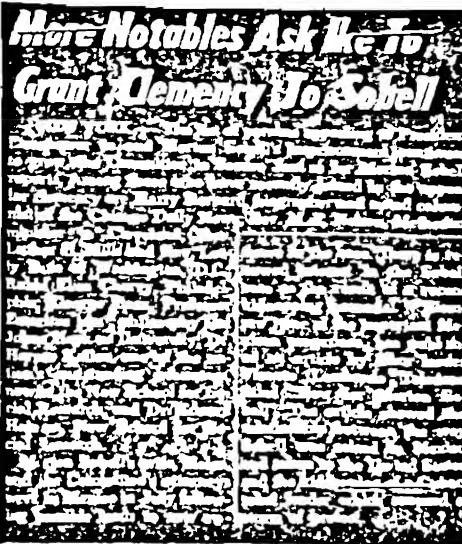
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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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SA JOHN J. FOARDE, Jr.

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On September 12, 1958, [REDACTED] <sup>b7D</sup> who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally furnished to the writer a handwritten report containing the results of the monitorship of the bank account of captioned organization for the month of August, 1958. This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Use of this information in reports should be accompanied by the statement that the information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The report is filed in [REDACTED] <sup>b7D</sup>

The report, as it relates to captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

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1		250.00	564.68
11	250.00		314.68
13		52.00	366.68
15		48.85	415.53
18	18.64		396.89
19	51.14		345.75
27	10.42		335.33
27	.75		334.58

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
\$ 9.00	Praga Press	Kaspar American - Chgo
250.00	Comm to Secure Justice for M. Sobell	Corn Exchange - New York
18.64	Haven Perkins	So East National - Chgo
51.14	Great Northern Office Bldg	American Natl - Chicago
.75	Service Charge	
10.42	Illinois Bell	1st National - Chgo

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

September 24, 1958

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20243)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,  
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Rebulet dated September 15, 1958 instructing Cleveland to  
submit a resume of available information regarding the  
activities of the Sobell Committee in Cleveland and  
Akron.

Security informants have reported that DON ROTHENBERG,  
former Ohio State Director of the Progressive Party,  
attended the National Conference of the Committee to  
Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, in New York City on  
November 30 and December 1, 1957.

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[REDACTED] the Socialist Workers Party [REDACTED] discussed holding a picnic for the Sobell Committee, in the Youngstown area, but decided against it, because there were not enough Sobell supporters in the area. b7D

[REDACTED] has reported that while the nucleus of the Committee continues to meet irregularly in Cleveland, it has been unable to attract any mass support. He reported that the Committee has no officers, other than the Steering Committee, and has no funds for organizational work, or for a full or part time director, and that plans for a Committee affair in September were abandoned for lack of support. b7D

In addition to [REDACTED] also furnish information regarding the activities of the Committee. b7D

In view of the foregoing information reflecting that the Committee has no funds, is not fully organized, and has received little support, it is not recommended that further investigation be initiated at this time.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL</b>		Report made by <b>CARROLL M. GARNETT</b>	Typed By: <b>mmm/bsb</b>
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**Synopsis:**

Confidential Informants report aim of Washington SOBELL Committee (WSC) is to obtain release from prison of MORTON SOBELL through Executive action. ETHEL WEICHBROD considered leader of WSC; SYLVIA BERNSTEIN in frequent contact with National Headquarters of SOBELL Committee, NYC. WSC has no local headquarters. Funds are obtained through individual collections and meetings. WSC held meeting 6/21/58 which featured Mrs. ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL; 30-40 individuals attended this meeting. Mrs. ROSE SOBELL and SARA HAMMOND of National Headquarters of SOBELL Committee visited W.D.C. in 6/58 for purpose of obtaining funds and to visit Congressmen and other Government officials in connection with the SOBELL case. Mrs. SOBELL and HAMMOND interviewed on radio station WWDC on 6/19/58; Mrs. SOBELL urged people to help her son and correct this "horrible mistake." T-1 reported WSC connected with and dominated by the main SOBELL organization in New York. b7D

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Communist Party (CP) and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

"The Worker" is an east coast communist weekly newspaper.

Names of individuals designated by an asterik (\*) throughout this report will be identified in Section X, Identification of Individuals.

#### I. BACKGROUND

Background information concerning the Washington SOBELL Committee is contained in the appendix section of this report.

#### II. AIMS

[REDACTED] on August 19, 1958

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Informant stated he believes that the aim of the Washington SOBELL Committee and its parent organization in New York is to use the case of MORTON SOBELL to embarrass, agitate and make the United States appear inhuman. Informant stated he believes that the freeing of MORTON SOBELL is a secondary objective of this organization.

[REDACTED] on August 11, 1958

[REDACTED] on August 11, 1958

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Informants reported that the purpose of the Washington SOBELL Committee is to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison through legal action and to sway public opinion to the belief that SOBELL did not receive a fair trial.



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[REDACTED] on December 17, 1957

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Informant reported he had learned that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York, is considering designating an individual to live and work on their behalf in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of contacting congressional leaders in an effort to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL. Informant learned that HAVEN PERKINS\*, Midwest Representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, is the main candidate to fulfill this position.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

An identification of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee is contained in the appendix.

Confidential Informant T-4 on October 16, 1957

Informant made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\* had received a letter dated October 7, 1957, from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City, which referred to an enclosed press release announcing that attorneys acting in behalf of some 5,300 Americans on October 7, 1957, filed an appeal asking the Supreme Court to review the case of MORTON SOBELL. This letter stated that in view of the above-mentioned appeal, the public should be educated on the SOBELL case. The letter urges the recipient to take the following action:

"How many forums can you initiate in your city?

"How many organizations can you get to discuss the case?

"Which newspaper editors and TV broadcasters will you ask to acquaint the public with the issues before the Supreme Court?

"How many showings of the SOBELL filmstrip can you arrange?"

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It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" in its edition of November 13, 1957, page 1, columns 3-5, contained an article entitled "High Court Denies All Sobell Pleas." This article, in part, states:

"The U. S. Supreme Court yesterday denied MORTON SOBELL's petitions for certiorari or review. The brief order of the court means that pending other legal moves SOBELL will continue serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz, inflicted by Judge IRVING KAUFMAN when he sentenced SOBELL's co-defendants, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, to death in 1951."

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of December 8, 1957, page 10, column 3, contained an article entitled, "New Campaign Launched to Free Sobell." This article describes a new drive opened by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to enlist one million Americans to help free Sobell. The article states that letters and telegrams to the White House and public meetings would mark the new campaign.

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"The Evening Star", Washington, D.C., daily newspaper, in its edition of June 5, 1958, page C-4, contained an article entitled, "MORTON SOBELL's Mother Seeking Aid Here for Son" which is as follows:

"Mrs. ROSE SOBELL is visiting Washington in connection with a campaign to free her son MORTON, now serving a 30-year penitentiary term for participation in the ROSENBERG spy ring. She is staying at the Park Central Hotel.

"Mrs. SOBELL, a New Yorker, and Mrs. SARAH HAMMOND, of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, will attempt to enlist aid of members of Congress and others.

"Prime object of the committee is to obtain executive clemency for SOBELL or a new trial. The latter has asserted he was kidnapped from Mexico by American agents and illegally brought back to stand trial. The Supreme Court has declined to review his conviction seven times."

### III. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] on August 19, 1958 b7D

Informant reported he did not know of any particular officers of the Washington SOBELL Committee but that ETHEL WEICHBROD\* appears to be in charge of any activity. Informant stated he believes that ETHEL WEICHBROD\* may be considered the local chairman of the Washington SOBELL Committee.

[REDACTED] on August 11, 1958

[REDACTED] on August 11, 1958

Informants reported [REDACTED] no duly elected officers of the Washington SOBELL Committee. b7D

Confidential Informant T-4 on September 30, 1957

Informant made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, had received a letter dated August 26, 1957, from the "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL," 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. According to information supplied by this informant, this letter contained the mimeographed signature of HELEN SOBELL\* and requested the recipient to fill out the enclosed progress report concerning action taken by the local committee regarding the SOBELL case.

Confidential Informant T-4 on December 28, 1957

Informant made available information that the national office of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL had decided that the major committees of this organization be sent the addresses of other committees so that material and suggestions could be exchanged. Information made available by this informant shows that included on the "List For Exchanging Information" is the following:

"SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\*  
9340 Harvey Road  
Silver Spring, Md."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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IV. HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] on August 11, 1958  
[REDACTED] in August 11, 1958

Informants reported [REDACTED] no headquarters in Washington, D.C. for the Washington SOBELL Committee. b7D

[REDACTED] on August 19, 1958

Informant reported he knew of no actual headquarters for the Washington SOBELL Committee. b7D

V. FUNDS

Confidential Informant T-10 on October 24, 1957

Informant made available information that on October 10, 1957, MARCUS GOLDMAN\* executed a check for \$10. payable to "Comm. Justice for MORTON SOBELL." This check was endorsed by HELEN SOBELL.\*

T-10 furnished the above information on a confidential basis and the information cannot be made public except through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

[REDACTED] b7D

The Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C. is identified in the Appendix section of this report.

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[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] on [REDACTED]  
Informant reported the SOBELL Committee held a  
fund-raising party at the residence of JOSEPH\* and ETHEL\*  
WEICHBROD, 8410 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland,  
[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b1

VI. WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE MEETING,  
JUNE 21, 1958

Confidential Informant T-4 on June 21, 1958  
[REDACTED] on June 24, 1958 b7D

Informants made available information reveal-  
ing that on Saturday, June 21, 1958, at 9:00 PM, ETHEL  
WEICHBROD\*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland,  
planned to hold a function at her home which would feature  
Mrs. ROSE SOBELL. Information provided by these informants  
showed that a motion picture of an interview Mrs. MORTON  
SOBELL had on television several months ago in New York  
City would be shown at this function.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] on June 24, 1958

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Informant reported that on June 21, 1958, the Sobell Committee held a fund-raising party at the residence of JOSEPH\* and ETHEL\* WEICHBROD, 8321 Tabona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. Informant stated SARA HAMMOND made a short report at this function on the good progress being made by the Sobell Committee in reaching the public through mass media and on the collection of signatures of prominent people on the petitions now being circulated throughout the country.

Informant stated ROSE SOBELL, the guest of honor at this affair, spoke briefly on the growing interest of people in her son's situation.

Informant stated a film of HELEN SOBELL's\* television appearance on the New York program "Night Beat" was shown at this affair and a tape recording of the interview of ROSE SOBELL and SARA HAMMOND on the STEVE ALLISON show in Washington, D. C. was played.

Informant stated AL BERNSTEIN\* made the collection speech at this function.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On Saturday evening, June 21, 1958, and Sunday morning, June 22, 1958, during the hours 8:35 PM - 12:30 AM, a special agent of the FBI observed the following individuals either enter or leave the residence of JOSEPH\* and ETHEL\* WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland:

ABE BLOOM\*  
GERTRUDE EVANS\*  
NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN\*  
Dr. I. LEVIN\*

JOSEPH\* and ETHEL\* WEICHBROD were observed to be present at their residence during the above mentioned period.

It was observed that the following identified automobiles transported individuals either to and/or from the WEICHBROD residence during the above stated period:

<u>Automobile license number</u>	<u>Registered Owner</u>
Maryland GL 8276	PHILLIP TIPPERMAN 10404 Gardiner Avenue Silver Spring, Md.
District of Columbia EX 398	LEON MALKIN*
Diamond Cab number 1048	Rented by BURTON FELTER*
District of Columbia GJ 518	ABRAHAM BLOOM*
<sup>DJ</sup> Maryland 7637	Dr. I. LEVIN*
District of Columbia GG 766	NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN*

VII. ACTIVITY BY ROSE SOBELL AND SARA HAMMOND,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] on June 23, 1958

It is to be noted informant reported that ROSE SOBELLE and SARA HAMMOND\* attended a meeting of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] which was attended by 30 to 35 people.

Mrs. SOBELLE, at this meeting, stated she and SARA HAMMOND\* had been in Washington, D. C. where they visited senators and congressmen regarding a new trial for MORTON SOBELLE, according to informant; she said they were unsuccessful in their efforts to see some congressmen, but did see others; she stated they tried to speak with JOHN L. LEWIS, of the United Mine Workers, but were unsuccessful in this regard; she mentioned they did speak to two of LEWIS's attorneys and left some literature with them; she stated she felt they had made progress and believes that the public is beginning to feel that MORTON SOBELLE was "framed"; she stated she thinks that the reprints of portions of the trial that have been distributed are swaying the public.

Informant reported SARA HAMMOND\* at this meeting stated that ROSE SOBELLE had been to Mexico and had talked with a former President of Mexico who agreed with ROSE SOBELLE that MORTON SOBELLE was kidnapped.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA EDWARD J. ARMBRUSTER that on June 27, 1958, Mrs. ROSE SOBELLE, 2400 Davidson Avenue, New York 68, New York, appeared at his office and left material concerning the Sobell case. [REDACTED] made available the material left [REDACTED] b7D

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by Mrs. SOBELL, which included an "Appeal to the President" to exercise his executive authority either by asking the Attorney General to consent to a new trial for MORTON SOBELL or by the granting of Executive Pardon or commutation; booklet, entitled, "Atomic Scientist, Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, Asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL;" pamphlet, "The Lord Russell Debate on the Case of MORTON SOBELL."

[REDACTED] stated Mrs. SOBELL did not discuss the case of her son with him. b7D

VIII. CONTACT WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Confidential Informant T-4

During the period September 30, 1957, to May 13, 1958, informant made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN\*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, had received materials and suggestions concerning the Sobell case periodically during this period from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. b1

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IX. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7D

[REDACTED] on August 19, 1958

Informant reported that the Washington Sobell Committee is connected and dominated by the main organization in New York.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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X. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

The following is an identification of those individuals mentioned heretofore who were designated by an asterisk:

SAM BECK

[REDACTED]

stated on January 15, 1948, that SAM BECK was then a member of the CP club in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland.

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AL BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, b7D  
identified AL BERNSTEIN as a current CP member.

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, b7D  
identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current CP member.

ABE BLOOM

[REDACTED] on February 23, 1955, b7D  
stated that while ABE BLOOM is unknown to informant as a CP  
member, BLOOM does support CP policies.

MARY CHANSKY

[REDACTED] stated on August 9, 1950, that b7D  
MARY CHANSKY was a CP member during 1949.

GERTRUDE EVANS

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953, b7D  
described GERTRUDE EVANS as a current CP member.

BURTON FELTER, also known as BURT

[REDACTED] in March, 1953, advised b7D  
that BURTON FELTER was a current member of the CP.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7D  
JOSEPH FORER

It is to be noted that JOSEPH FORER was one of the  
attorneys representing the CP, USA in 1955-1958 before the  
Subversive Activities Control Board and the United States  
Supreme Court, Washington, D. C.

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CHARLES GIFT, also known as CHARLIE

[REDACTED] on February 10, 1955, b7D  
identified CHARLES GIFT as a current CP member.

[REDACTED] b1  
CASEY GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] on March 11, 1958,  
identified CASEY GUREWITZ as a current CP member. b7D

HELEN GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] on March 4, 1957, re- b7D  
ported that HELEN GUREWITZ attended a session of the Maryland  
State Convention of the CP held March 3, 1957.

[REDACTED] b1  
[REDACTED] on March 11, 1958,  
identified HELEN GUREWITZ as a current CP member. b7D

SARA HAMMOND

[REDACTED] on October 11, 1957,  
stated that SARA HAMMOND was one of the active and dominant  
members of the Headquarters Staff of the Committee to Secure b7D  
Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City.

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FRANCES JACOBSON, also known as FRAN

[REDACTED] testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on [REDACTED] that FRANCES JACOBSON was a member of the CPA in Washington, D. C., between June, 1944, and October, 1945.

MILTON KELENSON

[REDACTED] reported on March 16, 1953, that MILTON KELENSON entered a CP group in the Labor Department in about 1947. Informant said since KELENSON was not a Government employee, it was his opinion that KELENSON was placed in this group by CP authorities to instill further b7D communist doctrine into the group.

Doctor ISIDORE LEVIN

[REDACTED] in October, 1953, reported that Doctor ISIDORE LEVIN attended CP meetings in about 1930 in Washington, D. C. b7D

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

Confidential Informant T-19 advised on September 15, 1942, that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN was at that time a member of the Ruthenberg Branch, Cleveland, Ohio, Section of the Young Communist League.

It is to be noted that the Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

LEON MALKIN

[REDACTED] advised in November, 1946, that in 1946 LEON MALKIN transferred from the Government group of the CP of the District of Columbia. b7D

MARTHA MALKIN

[REDACTED] on March 20, 1953, identified MARTHA MALKIN as a current CP member. b7D



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SOPHIE RICH

In August, 1950, [REDACTED] advised b7D  
that SOPHIE RICH was a CP member in 1949.

ADELE SMITH

[REDACTED] on April 22, 1955, advised that ADELE SMITH was a member of the CP in the District of Columbia in the late 1930's and early 1940's. b7D

HAVEN PERKINS

[REDACTED] advised during March, 1957, that HAVEN PERKINS resigned from the CP of St. Louis, Missouri, effective March 13, 1957, in order to remain active in the local Sobell organization. b7D

HELEN SOBELL

[REDACTED] on February 2, 1944, identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C., as of February 1, 1944. b7D

ETHEL WEICHBROD

[REDACTED] on March 20, 1953, identified ETHEL WEICHBROD as a current CP member. b7D

JOSEPH WEICHBROD

[REDACTED] in February of 1955 reported that he had learned from a CP member that JOSEPH WEICHBROD had admitted CP membership. b7D

JULIUS WEISSER

[REDACTED] on June 2, 1948, advised that JULIUS WEISSER was a member of the CP at New Haven, Connecticut, from 1929 to 1935, [REDACTED] b7D

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HELEN WINIK

[REDACTED] in February, 1953, b7D  
identified HELEN WINIK as a current CP member.

IRVING WINIK

[REDACTED] on November 16, 1954, b2D  
advised that IRVING WINIK was a current CP member.

LARRY ZIECHECK

[REDACTED] on January 21, 1954, b7D  
identified LARRY ZIECHECK as a current CP member.



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EMMA LAZARUS CLUB OF  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Records of the District of Columbia Public Library reflect that an application was executed by the Emma Lazarus Club of Washington, D. C. (ELCW) on September 10, 1957, for use of a meeting room at the Petworth Branch Library. This application states that the ELCW is a branch of a national organization whose president is LEAH NELSON and that the purposes of the ELCW are charitable, educational and cultural.

A confidential informant on March 15, 1957, furnished a mimeographed leaflet of the Emma Lazarus Federation (ELF) of Jewish Women's Clubs containing a letterhead which reflected that LEAH NELSON was the President of the ELF of Jewish Women's Club.

"The Jewish Fraternalist" dated October, 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO) on Page 6, contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947, after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951, contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," former east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, in its issue of December 9, 1946, Page 7, Column 1, in an editorial, referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish-language communist paper.

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

A confidential informant reported on December 17, 1957, that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

The Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities report dated August 25, 1956, pages 66 and 67 as "A local auxiliary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. 'Next to New York and Washington, the area of greatest focus in the Rosenberg campaign was Los Angeles\*\*\* The Los Angeles campaign was under the direction of SOPHIE DAVIDSON, Chairman of the Los Angeles Committee\*\*\*.'" "

Another confidential informant reported on July 27, 1953, that SOPHIE DAVIDSON was then a Communist Party member.

A previously referred to informant reported on May 22, 1956, that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell adopted that name in the fall of 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to have Morton Sobell transferred from Alcatraz and to secure a new trial and eventually his complete release. Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were from their inception dominated and controlled by the Communist Party through the assignment of Communist Party members to direct the activities of the committees.

Another confidential informant reported on December 19, 1957, that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is currently active.

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## WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

An informant advised on May 25, 1957, that the Washington Sobell Committee is the current affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case.

This informant, on May 27, 1958, reported that as far as this source knows the Washington Sobell Committee remains in existence in Washington, D.C., but that this organization has been inactive since April, 1957.

An informant, on May 26, 1958, reported that as far as this source knows, the Washington Sobell Committee remains in existence in Washington, D. C., but has been inactive since early 1957.

The National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL,' the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"



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THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Confidential Informants [REDACTED] included in the report of Special Agent Carroll M. Garnett, dated and captioned as above, have been in a position to furnish reliable information. 870

All of the other confidential informants mentioned in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of the report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT and six copies of a letterhead memorandum both dated and captioned as above.

The New York Office is being furnished two copies each of this report and memorandum.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT, dated 10/16/57, at WDC.  
Report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, 7/7/58, at New York.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

It is to be noted that on 8/6/58 WFO fisur determined that SARA HAMMOND of the National Headquarters of the Sobell Committee visited Room 358-359 of the National Science Foundation 19th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. She spoke to a male individual seated at a desk which had a sign "ROBERT W. CAIN." By 140-0 letter dated 8/12/58 the Bureau was advised of this information. The Bureau, by letter dated 8/22/58 authorized WFO to conduct a preliminary investigation concerning CAIN WF 140-12907.

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*P. Sheridan*

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SA CARROLL M. GARNETT observed all the activity on the fisur conducted on Saturday, June 21, 1956, at the meeting of the SOBELL Committee at the home of ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tabona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Identification of informants furnishing information of organizations contained in the appendix:

Organization

Informants

Emma Lazarus Club of  
WDC

[REDACTED]

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Los Angeles Committee  
to Secure Justice For  
MORTON SOBELL

[REDACTED]

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Washington SOBELL  
Committee

[REDACTED]

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of Source

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Description of Information

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T-2 b7D	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-3 b7D	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-4	SYLVIA BERNSTEIN on list for Trash Cover on exchanging information residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland	100-25474-1B3 (43)
	Made available letter dated 10/7/57	100-25474-1B3 (40)
	Made available material from National Headquarters of SOBELL Committee	100-25474-1B3(38)
	Made available letter dated 8/26/57	100-25474-1B3(52)
	SYLVIA BERNSTEIN in contact with National Hdqts. during period 9/30/57 - May, 1958	100-25474-1B3(38) (40), (41), (43), (44), (47), (49), (50)
T-5 b7D	[REDACTED]	100-25474-1259
T-6 b1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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of Source

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MARCUS GOLDMAN contributes to  
SOBELL Committee

100-25474-1252

b7D

Washington Loan  
and Trust Branch,  
Riggs National  
Bank, Washington,  
D. C. (requested)

T-11  
WF 9904\*

Emma Lazarus Club decides to  
give SOBELL Committee \$25.

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b7D

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b7D

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(requested)

T-18

b7D

T-19

Anonymous

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b7D

T-21

b7D

(requested)

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will continue to follow the activities of the Washington SOBELL Committee.

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The report was classified Confidential since data reported from the following informants could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.



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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)

DATE: 9/20/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
IS-C

[REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, 20th Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC, (conceal), made available to SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO on the dates indicated, information concerning items deposited to the account of the Sobell Committee-National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, Room D, NYC. It is to be noted that this information was made available on an extremely confidential basis, and involved [REDACTED]

1-Albany (100-13260) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Boston (100-27290) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Butte (100- ) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Chicago (100-25530) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Cleveland (100- ) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Detroit (100-20938) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Los Angeles (100-41648) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Louisville (100-4350) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Miami (100-12292) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Milwaukee (100-11982) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Newark (100-36202) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Philadelphia (100-37667) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-San Francisco (100-35117) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1-Seattle (100-22197) (CSJMS) (RM)  
(1-New York (100-107111))

PHS:mzm  
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account [REDACTED] and that the bank is not in any position to testify or offer evidence regarding the information furnished on the deposits. In the event information from this source is disseminated, it should be noted that the bank is no longer in possession of the basic document from which the deposit information was obtained. b7D

Pertinent information from this source is set forth below:

<u>DATE OF DEPOSIT</u> <u>Maker</u>	<u>5/8/58</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>(furnished 5/27/58)</u> <u>Method</u>
ROWLAND E. LOGAN	\$100.00	Check-First National Bank of Red Hook, New York
MILNOR ALEXANDER	10.00	Check-First National Bank of Red Hook, New York
MARTHA N. SMITH	5.00	Check-El. Sereno Office, California Bank, Los Angeles, California
GRACE E. HOWARD	5.00	Check-Pacific National Bank of Seattle
BEV KOCEL 5854 Chive, Detroit, Michigan	7.00	Money order-Bank of Commonwealth, Detroit, Michigan
ALFRED J. RICHES RFD Number 1, Twin Falls, Idaho	2.00	Money order-United States Postal Money Order Number 15-15,225,651

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<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
CARMELO DI PIENZO	\$ 1.00	Money Order-Lincoln National Bank, Chicago, Illinois
<u>DATE OF DEPOSIT-</u>	5/15/58	(furnished 5/27/58)
<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
JANE GRLY ANDERSON	75.00	Check-Cozenovia Office, First Trust and Deposit Company, Syracuse, New York
Milwaukee Sobell Committee, CORA M. BERNIERID, Treasurer	20.00	Check-Wisconsin State Bank of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
FRED WRIGLEY, SR. RFD Number 1, Perkasie, Pennsylvania	12.00	Money Order Number P 9281, Bucks County Bank and Trust Company, Perkasie, Pennsylvania
WALTER ALLMENDANZER	10.00	Check-Bank of the Commonwealth, Detroit, Michigan
DAVID or FELICIA F. FOULKES	3.50	Check-University National Bank, Chicago, Illinois
<u>DATE OF DEPOSIT-</u>	5/22/58	(furnished 5/27/58)
<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
RUTH GREENFIELD, Treasurer Student Representative Party	25.00	Check-University National Bank, Chicago, Illinois

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<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
EMIL LUNNER \$	10.00	Check-Freehold Trust Company, Freehold, New Jersey
J. ALLEN FRANKEL 5339 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California	10.00	Check-Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, 1101 Northwestern Avenue, Los Angeles
ERCUMENT OZIZMIS 11 North Ingalls, Ann Arbor, Michigan	10.00	Check-Ann Arbor Bank, Ann Arbor, Michigan
HAROLD BLAUSTER 105 Jackson, Jersey City, New Jersey	5.00	Check-Claremont Franch, The Trust Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, New Jersey
MARTIN A. MILLER 12900 West Ten Mile Road, South Lyon, Michigan	5.00	Check-Bank of the Commonwealth, Detroit, Michigan

DATE OF DEPOSIT- 6/11/58 (Furnished 6/27/58)

<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
PHILIP A. KAPMAN 33 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois	25.00	Check-American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois



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<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
DON and MILDRED S. ROTHENBERG	\$ 16.00	Check-Cleveland Trust Company, Superior, Cleveland, Ohio
B. LORRAINE GORING	10.00	Check-Cape Cod Trust Company, Harwich Port, Massachusetts
MARTHA N. SMITH 2844 Vaquero, Los Angeles, California	5.00	Check-California Bank, 4900 Huntington, Los Angeles
BENJAMIN MOSS 1519 Martel Avenue, Los Angeles, California	5.00	Money order- United States Postal Money Order
ALICE WOLFSON	4.00	Check-Bank of America, Beverly Vermont Branch, Los Angeles, California
WALTER LAMBERT 342 Woodside Road, Mill Valley, California	4.00	Money order- United States Postal Money Order
MRS. JOSEPHINE GOMON 660 Seward, Detroit, Michigan	3.50	Check-Detroit Bank and Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan

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<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
R. E. TEPPER Molbar Apartment Hotel	\$ 3.00	Check-Mercantile National Bank of Miami Beach, Florida
CARL and ANNE BRADEN 2403 Virginia Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky	3.00	Check-Bank of Louisville, Kentucky
<u>DATE OF DEPOSIT-</u>	6/12/58	(furnished 6/27/58)

<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
VALEDA J. BRYANT	20.00	Check-American Trust Company, 202 University, Palo Alto, California
MILNOR ALEXANDER	10.00	Check-First National Bank of Red Hook, New York

DATE OF DEPOSIT- July, 1958 (no date furnished)

<u>Maker</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
ELLISWORTH or MARY EARNAD	5.00	Check-First National Bank and Trust Company of Greenfield, Greenfield, Massachusetts
Chicago Sobell Committee	300.00	Check-Imaginated Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois

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The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

(1) Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the "Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL," the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case-a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States-was constituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case." National headquarters remained at 1050 Sixth Avenue, NYC. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," 8/25/56, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, 1/17/56, originally released 1/11/56, p. 30).